CERRITOS - Working to improve our local communities, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (CA-39) met with Mayor Pro Tem Paul Bowlen and other city officials at Cerritos City Hall last Friday to discuss issues and priorities for the city of Cerritos. Each year, Congresswoman Sánchez meets with mayors and other city officials from every city in the 39th District to identify ways the federal government can assist them.

"For every dollar paid in federal taxes, the state of California receives only 76 cents back," said Congresswoman Sánchez. "These meetings are critical to determine the needs and priorities of the community, and discuss ways in which I can work to bring more federal dollars back to the 39th District so that we get our fair share."

Specifically, Sánchez and city officials discussed pursuing federal funding for the Cerritos Museum which is now under development, funds to enhance the Del Amo Street Bridge, additional funds for more Cerritos on Wheels busses, and reservoir improvements. Also discussed were regional transportation projects regarding traffic studies for the 91-605 corridor.

"Whether it be investing in public transportation, local road improvements or water projects, I will continue to work to ensure the needs of Cerritos are met at the federal level," concluded Sánchez.

Since coming into office in 2003, Congresswoman Sánchez has delivered approximately \$1.8 million in federal funds for Cerritos projects. Most recently, Congresswoman Sánchez secured federal funds to replace Cerritos' older diesel busses and replace them with larger, natural-gas busses that reduce air pollution.